

Hoodwink #29

'A Dip Zine for Purists'

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Hoodwink Honcho Harpoons House

The next revolution in America will not bring down the government. It will be our "credit" system that some lone consumer, denied and enraged, figures out a way to bomb. The central computers at Equifax and Credco will crash and burn — either literally, or in the modern computer-age sense of hard drives corrupted and data unsalvageable. When these companies try to bring in back-up files to reestablish their despotic control over who may own what, the next wave of revolutionaries, boiling with a hatred longer overdue than any of their misrecorded car payments, will rise up as one and bombard the "consumer reporting" agencies with every computer virus known to neepneepdom, obfuscating and obliterating information and misinformation alike, until even the mortgage companies will admit there is no pretending any longer that their secret dossiers have any realistic bearing on what an American should be allowed to do with his money if he wants to do it.

So, as you might guess, I've just bought a house! The entrenched stupidity of the system I had to beat to do it really staggers the mind — but hey, I've played Diplomacy with Jim Diehl and Bernie Oaklyn! And anyway, that's not important any more. What's important is that I've got a terrific place to live and that my monthly payments improve my financial position rather than somebody else's.

Just how terrific is this place, I hear you asking politely. Let me tell you! It's a fine, sturdily constructed "ranch" style house built in the early 1960's on a lot about two thirds of an acre large. It has, in conventional arrangement, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room, a kitchen, a carport, and a dining room with a lovely view of the huge backyard. There's a workshop space off the carport and a storage shed the size of a small garage behind that, with a big gate in the fence so you can drive a truck right up to the shed if you've got a hankering. There are fruit trees and flowers all planted and well tended, and they tell me the springtime is going to be gorgeously fascinating, as I see for the first time what colors are going to come up. The hard-working couple who moved out kept the place in great repair

and made sensible improvements during the six years they were here, and I'm hoping I can be something like *nearly* as good a steward of this worldly estate as they were. It's a big responsibility, but hey — I'll buckle down to it. And my girlfriend Donna, who has been a homeowner for several years and a gardener even longer, is aiding and abetting me wonderfully, above and far beyond the call of duty. Well, if planting tomatoes and picking out curtains is her idea of fun, who am I to suggest otherwise?

Now, as you may recall, I was making noises last time about getting a home computer, fax and modem, once I got the house deal settled. That's still the plan. There are a few more boxes I'll have to unpack before "go buy a computer" rises to the top of my job list, but it's inevitable, and I'll let you know as soon as it happens.

In the meantime, my new home phone number is up there in the masthead for the benefit of those of you whose minds do not start working on Diplomacy until too late to put moves in the mail. And let me take this opportunity to remind you that the deadline for *telephone* orders is the night *before* the deadline for orders received by mail. Hoka, hermanes?

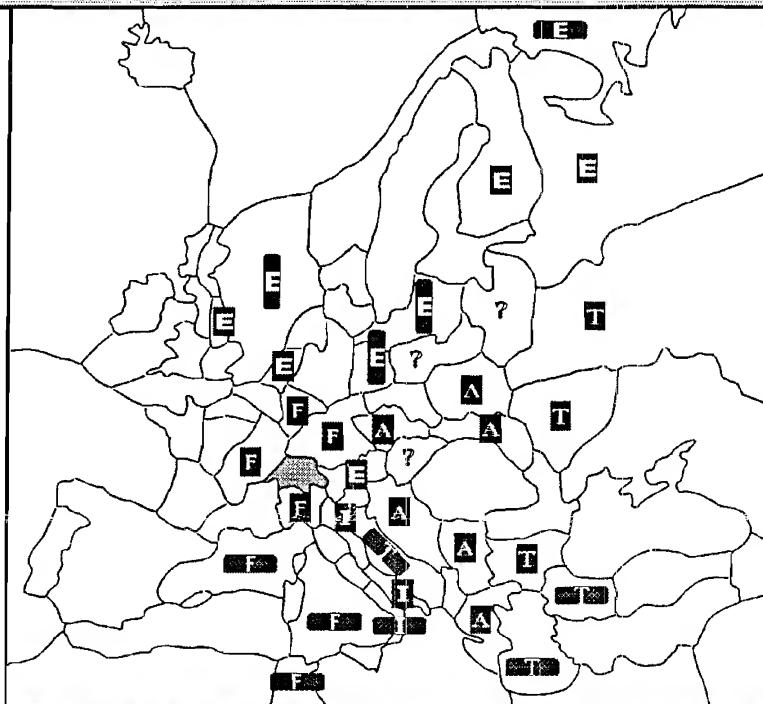
I've gotten quite a few "Hoodwink Players' Poll" ballots back already and, as advertised, am circulating them with this issue, as well. So if you didn't get around to filling in those blanks last time, please do so now! Right this minute! And don't forget to mail them to me when you're done! Results of the poll will appear in Hoodwink #30.

To my query about a different approach to the NMR rule, I got only two responses: one who didn't mind the idea of every player being required to vote on every proposal (as long as there was the option to abstain), and one who did. Since the vast majority of you responded not at all, I assume that the vast majority of you feel just fine about the current Hoodwink house rule, which counts a failure to vote as an abstention, and not as a vote against a proposal. If that assumption is wrong, I'd like to hear about it.

Pique ~ 1992N ~ Winter 1904/Spring 1905

**BRITS PUSH
HUNS BACK
FROM BERLIN**

**AUSTRIAN
PHONE LINES
SABOTAGED**



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Supply Centers
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Austria: 7
VIE, BUD, TRI,
SER, GRE, RUM, WAR
England: 9
LON, LPL, EDI, NWY,

Austria: (Peter Baker) NMR! Has A TYO (ret VIE?), A BOH, A TRI, A SER, A GRE, A GAL, A WAR

England: (Steven McKinnon) Build A LON, A EDI. A MUN-TYO, F KIE-BER, F BAL sup F KIE-BER, A NWY-STP, A FIN sup A NWY-STP, F BAR sup A NWY-STP, A EDI-YOR, A LON-HOL, F NTH con A LON-HOL

France: (Herb Barents) Build F MAR. F MAR-GLY, F WME-TYS, F TUN-ION, A PIE sup EA MUN-TYO, A RUH-MUN, A BUR sup A RUH-MUN, A BEL-RUH

Germany: (Jack McHugh) Remove A SIL. F BER hold (ret PRU?)

Italy: (Michael Alterio) A NAP-APU, F ROM-NAP, A TUS-VEN

Turkey: (Douglas Kent) A SEV-UKR, A STP sup AA WAR-LVA (ret LVA?), A MOS sup A STP, A BUL hold, FAEG-ION, F CON-AEG, F ION-ADR

First Army HQ, Finland: Her Majesty's Special Envoy to Foreign Powers, Brigadier John Smallberries, returned today from what had been a secret meeting with the Austrian Deputy for New Alliances, Count Bialas Balias in Warsaw.

Topics discussed at the meeting included English aid for Austrian manoeuvres versus the Ottoman Empire and the partition of Turkish holdings in the former Russian Empire. Brigadier Smallberries claimed the Austrians were frustrated with Austro-Ottoman operations to this point and were hoping to enhance their chances for survival in this war by turning on their ally for future considerations of resources.

"The upcoming operation versus Turkey by Anglo-Austrian forces in Livonia and Moscow should herald the New World Order as never before," said Smallberries.

Fourth Army HQ, London: Officers of the newly created assault Battalion, Her Majesty's Own Scorched Earthers, were present at a conference to discuss the public outrage here at home regarding their overly provocative name. Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Smith-Smythe-Smith offered this reply to the question of stiff opposition by opponents in the face of domestic crisis and destruction: "We

here in England have fought with civility and chivalry all our history. Supreme Command has decided that our Balance of Power strategy and the recent spate of newly created Independent Commonwealth States has weakened our nation. It's time to get tough, and this is only the beginning."

Flagship Reliant, Copenhagen: Admiral Singh spoke today of the reduction of the German Imperial Forces to one unit.

Commodore Joachim: Admiral Singh will now address you regarding military reduction of the Kaiser's forces.

Admiral Singh: Excellent.

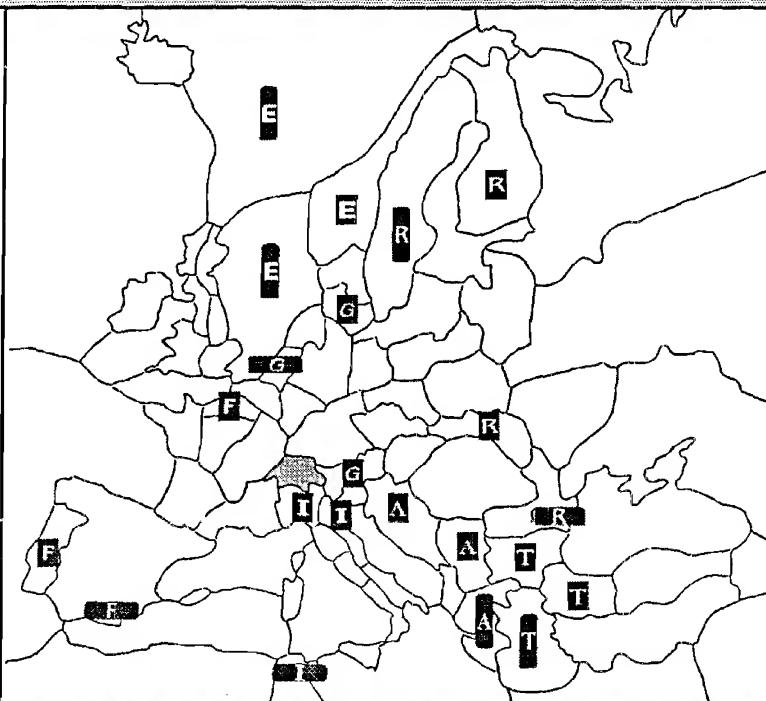
Commodore Joachim: To sum up our continued policy of hitting the Hun wherever we might find him, I am authorized to say we shall use our abundant cunning, forces and sense of duty to gain German money, resources and bags of booty.

Fifth Army HQ, Edinburgh: A new unit was christened here today in order to specifically combat the expected vicious resistance of the Turkish Forces in Russia. The elite units of this Army, the Royal Scots Guards and the Colonial Gurkha Battalion, were paraded through Edinburgh. Both units are especially trained in the use of close-in techniques for use versus Ottoman defense forces.

Renown – A New Game of Diplomacy – Fall 1901

**NO BEL
PRIZE
AWARDED**

**ITALIANS
STOKE HOME
FIRES**



**ARMIES OF
ENGLAND AND
RUSSIA MEET**

**VIENNA
SURVIVES
ONSLAUGHT**

Austria (+2): (Tim Snyder) A TRI-VIE, F ALB-GRE, A SER sup F ALB-GRE
England (+1): (Karl Hoffman) A YOR-NWY, F NTH con A YOR-NWY, F NWG sup A YOR-NWY

France (+2): (George Inzer) A PIC-BEL, A SPA-POR, F MAO-SPA(s)

Germany (+2): (Patrick Conlon) A TYO-VIE, F HOL-BEL, A KIE-DEN

Italy (+1): (David Pierce) A APU-VEN, A PIE sup A APU-VEN, F ION-TUN

Russia (+2): (Brian Cannon) A STP-FIN, F GBO-SWE, A GAL-VIE, F RUM sup TF CON-BUL (nsq)

Turkey (+1): (David Schlosser) A BUL-GRE, F CON-AEG, A ANK-CON

GM to Europe: Winter 1901 is, of course, a separate season.
Turkey to Austria: By "satisfactory arrangement" I meant that nothing I had planned on doing was something you had asked me not to. How long that lasts is another matter.

Turkey to Germany: Hmm, a wild card in the deal.

France to Austria: What rumors? It wasn't me who attacked the Piedmont, you'll notice. Talk to your pal Italy, about staying out of the Piedmont.

France to Italy: I hope you didn't take Marseilles. If you did, I'll just have to kick you out again. Then the feeding frenzy hits, and no one wants that.

France to Austria: By the way, I'm friendly with Germany, too. Isn't that nice?

France to England: I'm friendly with you, too. Glad to see the Channel still open. Looks like you'll need the help getting Norway.

France to Germany: Hope you let me into Belgium. I'll need the unit in case I really have to go through with this thing with Italy. You know, Venice has your name on it. Really. I checked.

France to Turkey: Race you to Naples!

Germany to Austria: Gee, guy, you wrote more press than you wrote me. Of course I got worried.

Personals: German prince seeks Transylvanian count for kinky sex and immortality.

Munich to Rome: Watch me pull a rabbit out of my hat. (Not again!) Nothing up my sleeve, and presto! This isn't a rabbit; it's a skunk!

Austria to Turkey: I can't afford to give up these two centers, with Russia and Germany breathing down (biting into?) my neck.

Austrian Cheerleaders to Crowd: Duce, Duce, he's our man! If he can't do it, I need help! Beat! Those! Huns!

Austria to Turkey: If you're not in the Aegean, then I'm surprised and pleased.

Russia to England: Look, I didn't try to bounce you from Norway. I'm not after you; I'm just making sure my northern flank is covered.

Belgium to Western Europe: Remember, guys, we're *Neutral*. Please let us live in peace and freedom. We really are just a small, insignificant place with nothing of value to such exalted powers as yourselves. Please let us be.... Of course, if this plea isn't enough, consider this: we also have a treaty with the United States. They won't take kindly to our being attacked.

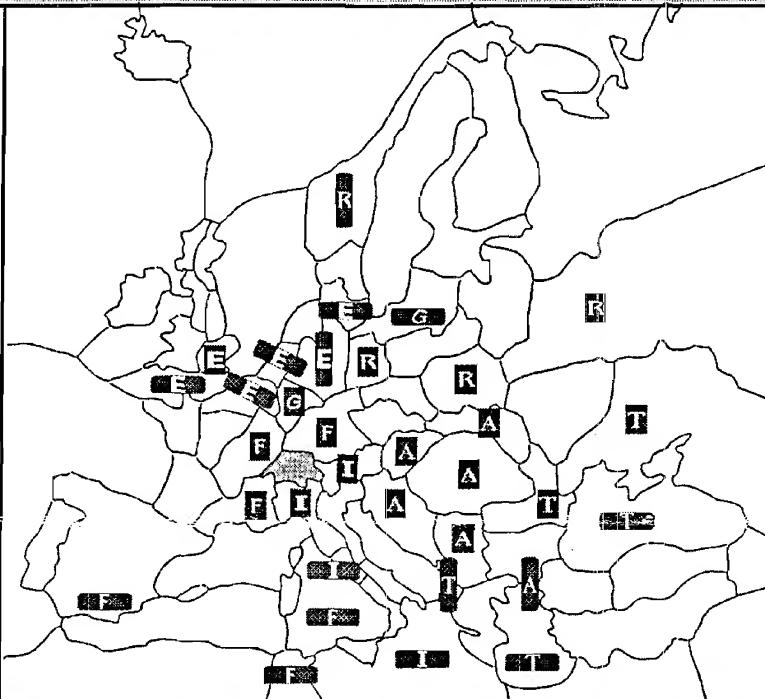
Russia to Germany: Thanks for letting me have Sweden. If you want my help in return (except against my friend England), just ask.

Russia to Austria, Turkey & Italy: Do you realize the original battle of Lepanto took place in Greece? Will the tale of our times once again be written in blood at Lepanto?

Nonsuch - A Game of Diplomacy - Fall 1903

**TSAR SHOWS
STAYING
POWER**

**BOCHE BITE
THEIR LAST
BULLET**



Supply Centers *

- Austria: 6
VIE, BUD, TRI, GRE, SER, -WAR, +BUL
- England: 7
LON, LPL, EDI, BEL, DEN, -NWY, +HOL, +KIE
- France: 7
PAR, BRE, MAR, SPA, POR, MUN, +TUN
- Germany: 0
-BER, -KIE, -HOL
- Italy: 3
ROM, VEN, NAP, -TUN
- Russia: 6
MOS, STP, SWE, -SEV, +WAR, +NWY, +BER
- Turkey: 5
CON, SMY, ANK, RUM, -BUL, +SEV

Austria (+0): (Brian Cannon) E BUL(s)-CON, A GAL-RUM, A BUD sup A GAL-RUM, A SER sup A GAL-RUM, A VIE sup A TRI, A TRI sup TF ADR-VEN (nso)

England (+1): (Stan Johnson) A YOR-LON, F NTH-HOL, F BEL sup F NTH-HOL, F ENG sup F BEL, F HEL-KIE, F DEN sup F HEL-KIE

France (+1): (Michael Castille) A SIL-MUN, A BUR sup A SIL-MUN, A MAR-PIE, F WME-TYS, F TUN sup F WME-TYS, F MAO-SPA(s)

Germany (-2): (Patrick Conlon) A RUH sup FA BUR-MUN (nso), F BAL sup FA SIL-BER (nso), A HOL-KIE (annihilated)

Italy (-1): (Ward Batty) F NAP-ION, F ROM-TYS, A PIE-VEN, A TYO-VEN

Russia (+2): (George Inzer) F SWE-NWY, A PRU-BER, A WAR hold, A MOS sup A WAR

Turkey (+0): (Peter Fuchs) F ADR-ALB, A RUM sup RA WAR-UKR (nso), A SEV sup A RUM, F BLA sup A RUM, F AEG-CON

GM to Europe: The A/E/F/T, E/F, E/F/R, and E/F/T proposals do not pass. The A/E/F/T and the E/F got one yes vote each; all the other votes were No, with four players voting on each proposal. Sorry, but I won't take your orders for draw proposals yet to be made; you must vote on each proposal as it occurs. (Please accept this fact of Hoodwink life as a courtesy to the complexity of my bookkeeping.)

Germany to France: Hope you are smart enough to believe me.

Germany to Renown: Check it out. I can be very selfless. Suiciding out is an acceptable strategy.

Germany to Austria: A WAR-GAL? O ye of so little faith.

France to Russia: You're right. Austria likes to lie to everybody.

France to Austria: Thanks for offering to help me against Italy. And thank you for trying to get England to attack me. It's so nice of you.

Precious White to Dark Blue: It isn't very sporting to involve the Gamemaster in the Diplomatic proceedings. He has enough to do. Consider this as a punishment raid, not intended to stick. A certain amount of lying is expected in this game. Just don't involve the GM in your complicity. That's out of bounds in my book.

Russia to Turkey & Italy: Now you see what I've been talking about — a lying little Austrian weasel. Sic 'em!

Russia to Austria: Did you think that your return of what was mine would turn my brain to mush? I think not.

Vienna to Paris: What's with this English fleet in the Channel? You told me you and England had an agreement to demilitarize your borders. Were you lying to me... or is this the English stab I predicted?

Austria to "You Know Who You Are": I'm grieved at the abuse you're directing at me. So I attacked Russia — so did Turkey. And what about the deliberate, unmerciful, crunching of Germany by England and France? Calling me an aggressor who must be stopped at all costs is like Saddam castigating Woody Woodpecker. At least I've pulled back — are you, England (and France) willing to do the same? ... I thought not. So let's not have any more of this crap about Austrian aggression. England is the *real* threat to world peace — the true "Disturber of Europe."

Austria to Italy: The existence of a "Southern Triple" depends upon you *finally* showing *by your moves* that you are willing to follow through on an alliance for a change. Your words no longer mean a thing to me — only your actions count now.

Austria to Russia: So which way did you finally decide to move? This season should be revealing.

Italy to World: Bah!

Atropos – Gunboat Diplomacy 1991 HCrb32 – Winter 1908/Spring 1909

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| <p>BRITISH INVASION CONTINUES</p> <p>LAST AUSTRIAN ANNIHILATED IN ATHENS</p> | | <p>Supply Centers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Austria: 2 SER, GRE England: 14 LON, LPL, EDI, HOL, SWE, DEN, NWY, KIE, STP, BER, WAR, BEL, SPA, MAR France: 6 PAR, BRE, POR, MUN, TUN, BUD Italy: 5 ROM, NAP, VEN, TRI, VIE Turkey: 7 CON, ANK, BUL, RUM, SEV, SMY, MOS |
| <p>Austria: F GRE hold (annihilated)</p> <p>England: Build A LON, F LPL, A EDI. A LON-PIC, F ENG con A LON-PIC, F LPL-IRI, A EDI-BEL, F NTH con A EDI-BEL, F SPA(s) hold, A BEL-BUR, A MAR sup A BEL-BUR, A KIE-MUN, F BER-KIE, F PRU-BER, A WAR hold, A LVA sup A WAR, A STP sup A LVA</p> <p>France: Remove F SYR, A BUD, A GAL. F NAF-MAO, F BRE sup F NAF-MAO, F WME sup F NAF-MAO, F TYS-GLY, A SIL-MUN, A GAS hold</p> <p>Italy: Build A ROM. A TRI-BUD, A VIE sup A TRI-BUD, A ALB-SER, F ADR-ION, A ROM hold</p> <p>Turkey: A MOS sup A UKR, A UKR sup A MOS, A RUM-SER, A CON-GRE, F AEG con A CON-GRE, A BUL sup A CON-GRE, F SMY-EME</p> | | |

GM to Europe: The F/A/I/T fails to pass due to England's public No vote; there were 4 Yes votes. England now proposes publicly: an E/T, and a concession to England. Also proposed: I/T.

England to France: Shouldn't that F/A/I/T be presented to the greedy *one*, since *I am* the only one not included in your little party? But I think *I am* the one who presented *you* with the *fait accompli*!!

GM to England: You don't speak French or Italian, do you?

England to Italy: I know what you mean about the sorry cryptographers around here. The Admiralty in London is trying to find out who ordered "F PRU sup F BAL-UKR"! The guilty party will be sacked immediately.

England to Turkey: With France pulling off three units, you stand to gain this year. Italy, too. Here's hoping that one of you will gain Budapest.

England to Italy: Your belated build should be interesting. Aren't you glad you waited?

Turkey to England: Yeah! It's about time someone stuck France. Thanks a lot. I'll be nice in turn and stop hostilities in the north.

France to Turkey: I don't want to argue with you about my beloved draw any more. Or about anything else, either. My priorities have suddenly changed. If you don't press Italy in the south, he'll be free to move north and so can you. I can hold the dog in the west for a while.

France to Perfidious Albion: I'm just too trusting. But I'm also overly vengeful. I'll do *anything* to stop you.

France to A/B/E (Anyone But England): OK, I've had my fun. Now it's your turn. England doesn't yet have this won, but he will if we don't get together now. I have no more ambition in this game than to stop the sorry sucker, and that means in the future I'll vote for any draw that doesn't include him and yield my centers to whoever can use them most in the anti-English fight.

France to Italy: Well, it didn't turn out the way I hoped. You do have a lot of maneuvering room to the north, but it will disappear if you don't move fast.

France to I/T: I'm proposing the I/T and will do whatever I can to see it come about. But you guys have to go for it. Among the three of us we have 18 centers to his 14, and he can't get the rest he needs to win if you guys don't squabble. If you're thinking about picking sides, remember that it was England who stabbed Germany and then me, while I passed up the chance to stab Italy any number of times. You both know I was a faithful ally to England and now I could be one to you. As an indication that I'm speaking truth, I'm bypassing Rome and Naples and leaving Budapest.

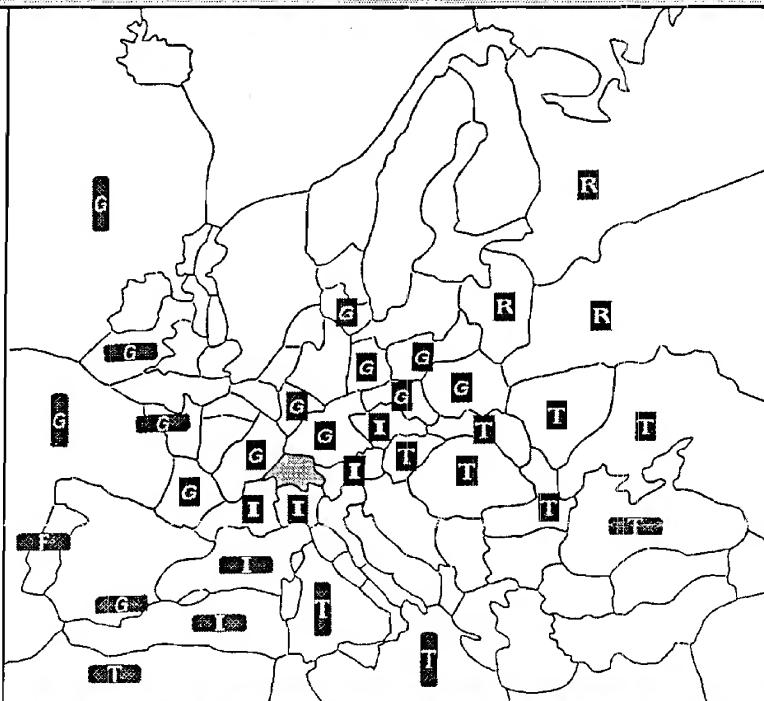
Italy to Ahimsahib: What the heck — what's a little treachery among friends?

Italy to France: Frankly, you both worry me.

Marie Galante ~ Diplomacy 1991AJ ~ Fall 1909

NO CHANGED DOTS; BOARD LOOKS LOCKED

**WAR OVER?
WHO CAN WIN
THE PEACE?**



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Supply Centers
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France: 14
POR

Germany: 14
MUN, BER, KIE, HOL,
BEL, DEN, SWE, EDI,
NWY, PAR, LON,
WAR, BRE, SPA

Italy: 6
ROM, VEN, NAP, TUN,
MAR, TRI

Russia: 3
MOS, STP, LPL

Turkey: 10
CON, ANK, SMY,
RUM, BUL, GRE, BUD,
SER, VIE, SEV

France: (John Schultz) F POR sup GF MAO-SPA(s)

Germany: (Stan Johnson) F SPA(s)-MAR, A BUR sup F SPA(s)-MAR, A GAS sup F SPA(s)-MAR,
F MAO-SPA(s), F IRI-MAO, F BRE sup F IRI-MAO, F NAO sup F IRI-MAO, A SIL-BOH,
A MUN sup A SIL-BOH, A RUH sup A MUN, A BER-SIL, A WAR sup RA MOS-UKR,
A PRU sup A WAR, A KIE-DEN

Italy: (George Inzer) F WME-SPA(s), A MAR hold, F GLY sup A MAR, A PIE sup A MAR,
A BOH sup TA GAL, A TYO sup A BOH

Russia: (Mike Gonsalves) A MOS-UKR, A STP-MOS, A LVA sup A STP-MOS

Turkey: (Gene Gesner) F NAF-MAO, F TYS sup F WME (moving), F ION hold, A SER-BUD, A SEV-MOS,
A UKR sup A SEV-MOS, A RUM sup A UKR, A GAL sup A UKR, A VIE sup A GAL, F BLA-SEV

GM to Europe: Here's how the voting went. On the G/I/T, it was 4 Yes (France, Italy and Turkey requesting it public) and 1 No (Germany, public). On the G/T, it was also 4 Yes (France, Germany and Turkey requesting it public) and 1 No. Newly proposed: G/I/R/T, G/T. Remember that NVR ≠ No.

Turkey to the World: It appears that we have reached a stalemate that will not be broken. I am willing to join in any draw including myself and I am sure Germany feels the same way. Italy and Russia have played their part in reaching this stalemate and France has survived so I've no reason to not include them at this point, even against my disdain for 4- and 5-ways.

Germany to Turkey: I will accept G/T, but never a G/I/T.

Italy to Germany: No, no, no — I was talking about way back in the beginning of the game when I asked you for an alliance against France. You said sure but you wanted Brest, Paris and Marseilles. I wanted to cut England in on the deal but you would have none of it. Can I produce your old letters and cards? No — do I look like the kind of packrat who saves all his game correspondence?

I got Brest on a fluke of misordering by John Schultz. I wrote my orders contingent on his moves. Look it up.

My memory is fine, thanks. Send you postage? Do I look like Rockefeller?

Oh — and here's the definition of "irony": Now that Turkey is in position, you *cannot* get 18, even if you do turn on your

allies. You may be able to grab Russia, but with me cutting your support from Spain and Turkey cutting it from the MAO, *you can't ever take Portugal!!!* Now, that's irony.

Italy to Turkey: I'll vote for the G/T, but only if you ask for it in our correspondence. Otherwise, let's let him stew in the stalemate for a while. I got time.

Italy to Germany: Unless Turkey specifically asks for it, I will not vote for a draw that does not include me. Whether you like it or not, if this game ends in a draw, I deserve a piece of it. If I don't deserve it, prove it on the battlefield. You've been doing a lot of mouthin' off. Now put up or shut up. It's either you get 18 or I get a piece of the draw — you name it, G/I/T, G/R/I/T or G/R/I/T/F. Savvy, mein herr?

Italy to France: Want some support to Spain? You know my name; look up the number.

Italy to Russia: If you're getting tired of this thing, convince your German friend to vote for the draw. I've explained which one I mean. Oh — by the way, did you notice how your German friend has no guilt about cutting you out of the draw? And after you've been so loyal, too. Even a dog knows the difference between a kick and a trip.

France to Turkey: I disagree. This is one of those situations where Germany can't really afford to alienate the little guys. Me... maybe... at the risk of SPA... but definitely not the Russian with 3 left.

The Dread Letter Office

Scattergories!

Try your luck at sneaking an unmatched (thus unmasterisked) answer past a gamut of experts! It's harder than it looks!

1. Automobiles: Stutz-Bearcat*, Sonata, Samurai, SS-1, Spider*, Saturn*, Super Sport, Scorpio, Scirocco, sedan, S coupe, Spitfire, Stanza, Stetson(?), Silver Cloud, Somerset

2. Fictional detectives: Sam McCloud*, Spencer*, Sam Spade*, Solar Pons, Sandman, Inspector Slack, Jack Slade, Sherlock Holmes*, Scooby Doo*, Shaggy(?), Albert Samson, A. J. Simon

3. Words associated with astronomy: spectral analysis*, solar wind, solar eclipse, sidereal*, Saturn, sunspot*, sphere, star, sky, solstice, spiral galaxy*, Carl Sagan, Sputnik

4. Reptiles: sea serpent*, skink*, snake*, snapping turtle*, stegosaurus*, sauropod

5. Words ending in "id": solenoid*, squid*, stolid*, stupid*, solid*, spheroid, sylphid, squalid, steroid, Sid

6. TV stars of the 1960's: Red Skelton, Ed Sullivan*, Inger Stevens, Tommy Smothers, Sammy Davis Jr., Sally Field*, Rod Serling, Steve McQueen, Susan Dey, William Shatner*, Barbara Stanwyck, Shirley Booth, Sonny Fox(?), Dinah Shore(?)

7. Words that appear frequently in the Bible: sheep, sun, son, saith/sayeth/says*, salt, smite, servant, so(?), shew, stoned, Samuel, serpent, sanctify(?), shall*

8. Famous black people (other than sports figures): Billy Strayhorn, Shaka, Samuel Delany, Wesley Snipes*, Sammy Davis Jr.*, Sekou Touré, Sidney Poitier, Satchmo*, Sister Souljah, Dred Scott, Anwar Sadat, Haile Selassie

9. Kitchen equipment: shears/scissors*, spattershield, stool, saucepan, spatula*, sponge*, scraper, stove, slicer, scouring pad, sifter, stovetop griddle, skewer, salad shooter, slotted spoon

10. Words exactly 10 letters long (no plurals): shibboleth, serpentine, supersonic, stupefying, submissive, smokestack, subterfuge, suspicious, streamline, saccharose, shipwright, shortening, simplistic, salutation, superseded, salutatorian, specialize, stringtown(?)

11. Weapons: sap, scythe, Shrike missile, shamshir, skull dagger, shotgun, sword*, scimitar*, sling*, slingshot*, Studebaker, shillelagh

12. Games played before 1950: Simon Says*, soccer*, Spit in the Ocean, Scrabble, snap, solitaire, shuffleboard, spin the bottle, spades*, skip rope, stud poker, skittles

Thanks for playing: Steven Carlberg, Andrew York, Patrick Conlon, Lawrence Watt-Evans, Douglas Kent, Ward Batty, Stan Johnson, Matt Miller, Steven McKinnon, Mark Lew, John Schultz, Bruce Reiff, Tim Snyder, Lon Atkins, David Schlosser, Brian Cannon, Philip Sasse, Karl Hoffman, Michael Alterio!

And our winner this issue..... (a drum roll, please!).....

John Schultz

with 9 unduplicated answers!

Our pal Mr. Schultz thus fulfills a longstanding ambition, as documented in his Zine Register review of *Hoodwink*, to win this silly game *just one time!* — and we congratulate him! At the same time, we must pause to inquire just where "Jack Slade" did his fictional detecting; and also, whether Steve McQueen's days of *TV* stardom really extended into the 1960's, when it seems to me (without benefit of research) that his starring vehicle *Branded* may have stopped playing before December 31, 1959.

Close behind John were Lon Atkins, David Schlosser, and Lawrence Watt-Evans, with 8 unmatched answers each. The happy recipient of our all-expenses-paid, red-carpet-treatment, first-class subscription edition of *Hoodwink* will be Mr. Watt-Evans, as being the only pay-as-you-go name on this list of four --- and we congratulate him, too!

Notes on borderline answers: Dinah Shore was a TV star in the 1950's, when she had a variety show and did a lot of singing, and again in the 1970's, when she had a talk show and dated Burt Reynolds, but I'm not so sure she qualifies as a TV star of the 1960's. The salamander is an amphibian rather than a reptile. And being such a literal-minded fellow, I won't take "Garret Schenck" as a reptile, either.

Lon Atkins advises that Albert Samson is a Michael Z. Lewin character. David Schlosser asks whether David Small of the "Rabbit" books would have qualified; not having read any, I suppose so, since I would assume this character does some detecting in the course of the stories. Inspector Slack is a minor Agatha Christie character. And.... "Shaggy"?

Shirley Temple Black was a funny answer for "Famous black people," but a wrong one, since the "black" in the category name is uncapitalized.

You must also realize that fictional characters are not acceptable in categories calling for real people. Thus John Steed of *The Avengers* is not a TV star, and Little Black Sambo is not a famous black person.

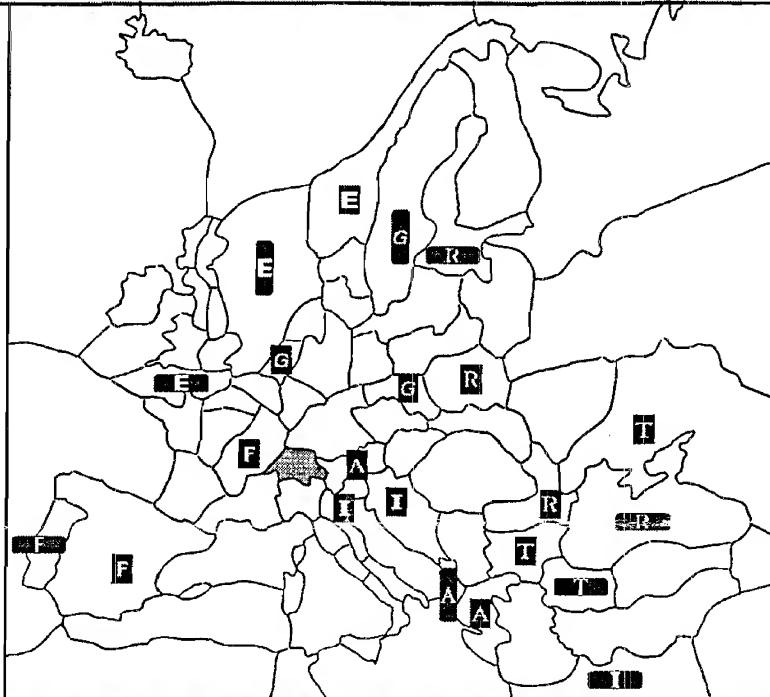
"Seldom-seen" won't play for "words exactly 10 letters long" — it is exactly 10 letters and one hyphen long.

Same categories for next time! Your new letter is "H"!

Crab ~ Gunboat Diplomacy 1992JGrb32 ~ Fall 1901

**NEUTRALS
NUMEROUS AS
NELLY-ALL**

**WEST TOUGH
TO FIGURE;
EAST JUST
PLAIN WEIRD**



**ECONOMIC
STANDBY
FOR R & A**

**SULTAN
SEIZES SEV;
IL DUCE, EME**

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Austria (+0): | A SER-GRE, F ALB sup A SER-GRE, A TYO sup JA TRI-VEN (ns) |
| England (+1): | A YOR-NWY, F NTH con A YOR-NWY, F ENG sup GA RUH-BEL (ns) |
| France (+2): | F MAO-POR, A MAR-SPA, A BUR-MUN |
| Germany (+2): | A SIL-MUN, F DEN-SWE, A RUH-HOL |
| Italy (+1): | A TRI hold, A APU-VEN, F ION-EME |
| Russia (+0): | F STP(s)-GBO, A UKR-WAR, F RUM-BLA, A SEV-RUM |
| Turkey (+2): | A BUL-GRE, F CON-BUL(e), A ARM-SEV |

GM to Europe: A new player takes over Turkey. Winter 1901 is a separated season, with full opportunities for press.

Paris to Berlin: Looks like Austria is planning a stab. Hope I guessed right.

Paris to London: I'd still be happier with that fleet further north. But if you use it wisely I can live with it where it is for the nonce.

Paris to Rome: If I didn't know better, I'd think you didn't like the Sultan.

Moscow to Berlin: Sweden may be a gift (due to my goof), but I'm holding you to your word on Warsaw.

Moscow to Vienna and Rome: If you guys are really serious about taking out Turkey, I'm with you.

Moscow to Ankara: Nothing personal.

Vienna: Let's see... the French move to Burgundy and the German move to Silesia were both "purely defensive." The English move to English Channel was most assuredly *not* anti-French and the Italian move to Trieste was pro-Austria and anti-Turkish! My oh my — what a polite bunch of *stabbeths* players we have here.

Austria to Italy: I have stupidly, but boldly, obeyed your requests and have left Serbia free for your occupation. If you moved from Trieste either to Serbia or back to Venice, then I will devote every bit of energy I have to crushing Turkey. Turkey must die — unless you double-crossed me,

in which case I'll use my meager resources to delay your conquest of Austria long enough for France or Turkey to overpower you.

Asinine Austrian to Impolite Turk: You didn't tell Russia your move to Armenia was pro-Russian. How uncivilized!

Austria to Italy: I will support you from Trieste to Serbia or Serbia to Bulgaria, whichever is appropriate. Do *not* build A VEN. Also... while the Key Opening is a very powerful A/I opening, I suggest using it only in regular Diplomacy. It's too tricky for Gunboat play.

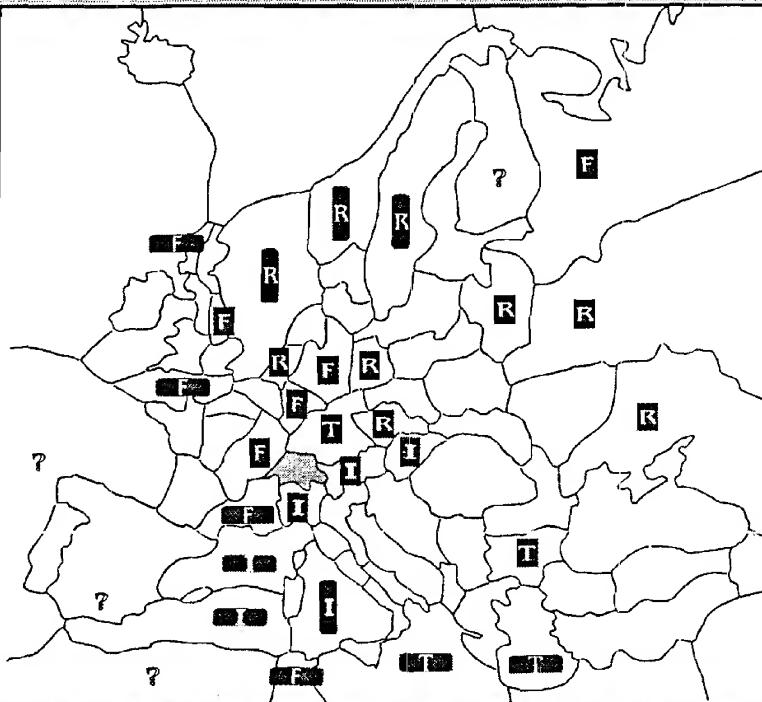
England to Germany: I think we could have a really strong alliance. Russia seems kinda inept and we could cause trouble elsewhere, too.

Rome to Vienna: I was going to move to Serbia but realized in time that would only break your Serbian support for the fleet move into Greece — support that would be necessary since Turkey is likely to go there also. Please note my fleet move — bypassing an extra build to go after the heathen Turk. The Pontiff has declared *holy war* and the Italian peoples are committed to the cause. Please consider an Austrian attack on Bulgaria while I'm keeping him busy at sea. My move back to Venice is only to guard against that army in Tyrolia; if you have pulled back, then I will also pull back. You can expect a fleet build in Naples — moving into the Ionian.... *Remember Lepanto!*

Witch of Endor ~ 1992M ~ Winter 1907/Spring 1908

**BAKER'S
DOZEN
UNORDERED**

**T/R/I
UMVIRATE
ADVANCE**



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Supply Centers
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France: 15
PAR, MAR, BRE, BEL,
POR, SPA, LON,
LPL, HOL, KIE, DEN,
NWY, TUN, MUN, STP

Italy: 6
ROM, NAP, VEN,
TRI, SER, BUD

Russia: 9
MOS, RUM, BUL,
VIE, SEV, EDI,
WAR, BER, SWE

Turkey: 4
ANK, CON, SMY, GRE

France: (Peter Baker) NMR! Retreat F GLY OTB. Has A STP, A NWY (ret FIN?), F TUN, F WME (ret SPA(s), MAO, NAF?), F MAR, A MUN (annihilated), A KIE, A RUH, A BUR, F ENG, A YOR, F CLY

Italy: (David Schlosser) Remove A VEN. A PIE-MAR, F GLY-WME, F TYS sup F GLY-WME, F TUS-GLY, A GAL-VIE, A TYO sup TA SIL-MUN

Russia: (Mike Gonsalves) Build A WAR, A SEV. A WAR-LVA, A MOS-STP, A BOH sup TA SIL-MUN, A BER-KIE, F NWG-NWY, F SWE sup F NWG-NWY, A EDI-HOL, F NTH con A EDI-HOL

Turkey: (Michael Alterio) Build F SMY. A SIL-MUN, F ION-TUN, A GRE-BUL, F SMY-AEG

GM to Europe: Now proposed: F/I/R, R/I/T draws. Please remember that a proposal is not prevented from passing by anyone's omitting to vote, or as we say here, "NVR=No." Also, please note that Russia owns SWE, not France as I incorrectly listed last issue.

Italy to All of Europe: Something's got to give — the continent canna stan' the strain!

Germany to France: My "purely defensive" move was just that. I hope yours was, too.

Germany to England: I'm listening. I can't help but notice that you and France aren't getting along too well. Probably a side effect of strong fences.

Germany to Russia: Thank you for graciously ceding Sweden to us. In return, we have halted all patrols of our eastern frontier. The Kaiser looks forward to doing business with you again sometime.

Turkey to World: Oh boy, my predecessor really cooked my goose.

Turkey to Russia: You should back off and protect yourself. It seems the Germans are launching "Operation Barbarossa" a tad early.

Turkey to Austria: You'd better do a swift about-face. You stand to lose more than you will gain.

Turkey to I/G: Thanks for coming to my aid!

"Tiger": This game is inching along as slowly as the name implies. :)

Crab press, continued:

Italy to Russia: Better get your fleet into the Black Sea quickly. If you hit him now while he's busy with me you can pick up some gains and remove a potential rival. Remember the *Holy War!*

Italy to Turkey: Ho! Ho! Ho!

Rome to Paris: I agree. If you don't pick a fight, I won't either.

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The final issue of your subscription is upon you: David Polley. Please feel free to ante up again!

Standby List: Thanks to these good people for patiently standing by to take over in case a player drops out of a game, and hardly ever being called upon! (Let me know if you want on or off this list.) Pierce, Alterio, Kent, Johnson, Wranovix, Gesner, Gonsalves, Schultz, McKinnon, Schlosser, York, Cannon.

Game Openings: The next Gunboat game — this one *without* press — now has six players signed up! Send me your preference list and the \$5 gamefee if you'd like to participate! I'll also take names for the next game of Regular Diplomacy (though you should be prepared to be patient). Again, a pref list and \$5 will do it.

Deadline for all games is Monday, March 15, 1993!
Still no faxes! — And the phone call deadline is Sunday, March 14!